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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 13th and 17th meetings, on 23 and 30 October 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.13 and 17).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (A/52/401) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/451).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/52/L.5

4. At the 17th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Zimbabwe introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" (A/C.5/52/L.5), which had been submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/52/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

(a) Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

(b) Decides to reduce the appropriation authorized under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/3 C of 13 June 1997 for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 from 20,447,100 United States dollars gross (18,918,300 dollars net) to 8,952,900 dollars gross (8,434,900 dollars net), inclusive of 758,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations;

(c) Decides also, taking into account the amount of 5,111,775 dollars gross (4,729,575 dollars net) already assessed under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/3 C for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1997 and pending the review and consideration of the performance report of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, to defer the apportionment of the additional amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net);

(d) Decides further to keep the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia" under review at its fifty-second session.

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[1] A/52/401.

[2] A/52/451.